

# THE POLICE CORPS WEEKLY

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## EMS

### BY: RECRUIT LECHER

During week ten, EMS training was provided to the recruits for a two-day class. There was a large amount of information presented throughout the class, but the recruits were able to learn all of the complex concepts of the body, and the more simple concepts of bandaging wounds. Much of what was taught included concepts that were presented to the recruits in CPR training, which was another factor that enabled the recruits to learn all of the EMS material.

All of the skills and concepts that were learned both in EMS and CPR will



**Recruit Kastem applies a bandage to Recruit Salzmann**

be critical to the lives that the recruits will have emergency contact with, and even the recruits' own friends and family. This class is a valuable addition to all of the skills and tactics

that the recruits have received so far. As training progresses, the recruits are becoming more and more confident with their abilities to become police officers.

## D.A.A.T. REVIEW

### BY: RECRUIT BOHREN

On Tuesday afternoon of week 10, recruits had a chance to refresh their skills on Defense and Arrest Tactics with Sgt. Hefti. D.A.A.T. involves training in verbalization skills as well as physical alternatives. We began by reviewing the Incident Response

and Disturbance Resolution Model. The models provide a general framework for how officers should respond to emergencies and deal with situations that involve resolving a disturbance. Next, it was time for the recruits to review the tactics and techniques that were

learned during the second week of training. The recruits did an excellent job. The skills learned in D.A.A.T. may be called upon at any time in an officer's career, so it is important that the recruits are confident in the techniques that may be life saving to them.

## TEAM BUILDING BY: RECRUIT CATO

It was another great day at the conditioning and confidence course for teambuilding this week. Everyone was excited to be outside breathing in the fresh air of the outdoors. Unfortunately, it would be the last time we would see Mr. Pressler and Mr. Buck until graduation. They both made sure that our last time together would

be a memorable experience. We went through the conditioning course several times. Our last time going through the course was the most difficult because we were timed. We pushed ourselves as hard as we could. We went through the confidence course once. Mr. Pressler and Mr. Buck were very impressed with our improvements on the

course. Everyone improved so much from our first experience with the conditioning course. As we finished up the day, we welcomed the rain that felt great on our exhausted bodies. We said goodbye to Mr. Pressler and Mr. Buck and thanked them for all their help and support they have provided to us.

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## VEHICLE CONTACTS BY: RECRUIT WALLACE

A large part of a law enforcement officer's job involves dealing with people in vehicles. In fact, it is estimated that nearly half of all police contacts with the public are the result of a traffic stop. It is because of this that recruits spent a great deal of time during week 10 learning how to appropriately assess and conduct vehicle contacts.

Recruits began their vehicle contact training in the classroom. Sgt. Defrang instructed recruits on a wide range of topics about vehicle contacts. Recruits were first informed that the three main goals when conducting vehicle contacts are, the protection

of themselves and others, the protection of vehicles, and the protection of due process. With these goals in mind, Sgt. Defrang explained the legal basis for vehicle contacts, the importance of ongoing threat assessment during vehicle contacts, and the different options that are available to a law enforcement officer who is conducting a vehicle contact.

After having hours of classroom instruction, recruits were given the opportunity to practice their techniques outside on actual vehicles. Recruits felt very fortunate to have the chance to practice making vehicle contacts on a wide range of vehicles including: cars,

vans, motorcycles, and semi tractors.

The final instruction on vehicle contacts involved high-risk vehicle contacts. Officers utilize this type of vehicle contact when their threat assessment is at its' highest point and approaching the vehicle may be of great danger to themselves or others. After a significant amount of classroom instruction on this type of contact, recruits were again given the opportunity to practice their skills.

With the previous knowledge of how many police contacts are the result of traffic stops, recruit competency in this area will prove to be of great value.



**Recruits practice vehicle contacts**